IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Previously Presented) A method for limiting the size of print jobs in a computer network, comprising:

setting a predetermined quota for the number of pages a network user is allowed to print within a specified time period;

receiving a print job request from a network user;

determining if the print job exceeds the predetermined print quota;

preventing the print job from printing if it exceeds the predetermined print quota; and

allowing the print job to print if it does not exceed the predetermined print quota, so that network congestion is reduced.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising logging the amount of the user's print quota, including both the number of pages and the specified time period that is used.

3.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of setting a predetermined print quota further comprises setting separate print quotas for different lengths of time.

4.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of setting a predetermined print quota further comprises setting a single, uniform quota for all network users.

5.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of setting a predetermined print quota further comprises setting individual print quotas for each network user.

6.   (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein a network user may request special permission to exceed the print quota.